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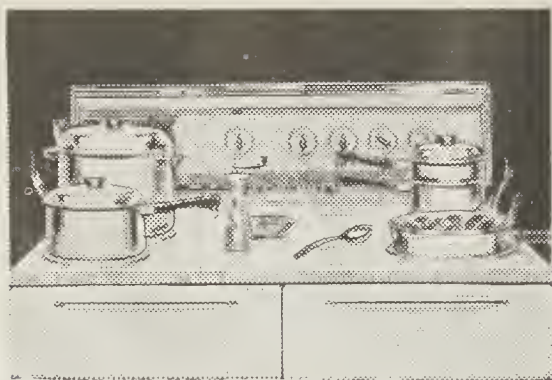
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I've always had the feeling it was harder to form a posse in North Carolina than just about anywhere else in the world.

If we ever get any reports that the sky is falling, we turn the whole thing over to the G-men.

So, I am surprised to learn that here and there in North Carolina some John Birch Societies are functioning. That is, they're hard at work uncovering communists in every field and furrow.

More surprised, however, to find out that Robert Welch, the leader, was a native Tar Heel.

I met Welch last summer in Milwaukee. Our acquaintance lasted as long as it took the elevator to descend nine floors and I think that was long enough for both of us.

The Milwaukee Journal had exposed a "book" Welch had written in which he'd called President Eisenhower a Communist agent.

A local radio personality, who had an interview-type broadcast from the roof garden of the hotel where I was staying, invited Welch and members of his local cult to answer *the Journal* charge.

Several other editors and I had appeared on the program in another connection, and hung around to hear Welch.

He claimed his book wasn't a book, but a personal letter of 80,000 words which he'd had printed and circulated among friends.

Some of his observations about the trouble with democracy were fair; but he was cagey about what he'd substitute for

democratic action, apparently some sort of aristocracy which would completely still our small voices.

The people who hung around Welch were a curious breed. Not unlike those you often see in religious assemblies of extreme persuasion.

A leader of the Milwaukee cell, an angular, harrassed-looking woman with a frozen smile and the nervous dedication of a snake-handler, was interviewed.

Her position was that she didn't care what people said, "As long as God is on my side."

I Once Knew a former S. S. trooper, the son of a Methodist minister in Munich. The father had been devoted to Hitler, and never once doubted that God was on his side.

The chief work of the Birchs seems to be to identify communists and whisper about them. A communist, I gathered, is anybody who disagrees with the John Birch members.

Richard Rovere pointed out in the biography, *Senator Joe McCarthy*, that the senator's chief disservice to his country was that he focussed attention on a minor issue—domestic communism—while a major problem—international Communism—was left unattended. The Russians sneaked home and nearly won the ballgame. Maybe they did. We don't know yet.

Neither Congress nor the state department could function rationally. Everything had to be weighed against the effect it would have on a reckless, neurotic demagogue.

The marvel of the era, to me, is that we didn't legalize dueling.

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THE COVER—Remember Clyde Moore, the gunsmith of Devotion, from the Dec. 1959 Carolina Farmer? He'd lost a pet deer to poachers. Clyde found another fawn last summer, shot through the hips. His wife nursed it to health, and now the Moore children have a new playmate, named "Bambi." Bambi's a favorite of Dawn McCullough, our cover girl, of Elkin, who's a favorite of Jim Taylor, the photographer.

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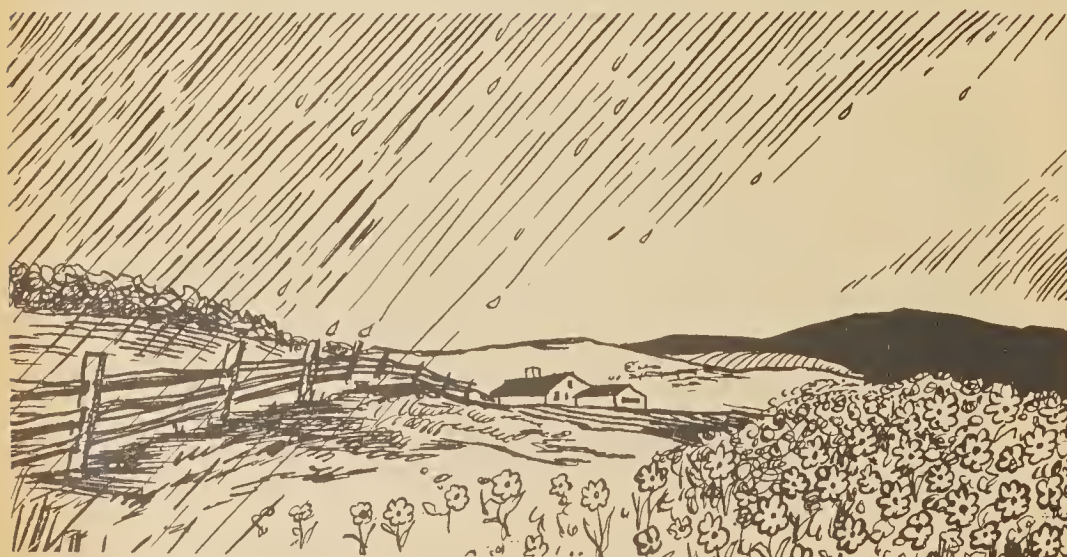
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Electric Heat in a pre-cut Home

Sam Trauger's pre-cut home in icy North Dakota is heated with electricity.

By CON BLOMBERG

(from N. Dakota Rural Electric Magazine)

We have plenty of electric heating on North Carolina co-op lines, but we obtained permission to reprint this article for two reasons:

1. Out in Trauger's country, there are several months during most winters when the ground never thaws. Temperatures range from 10 below zero to 20 above. If electric heating is economical there, it should be quite a bargain in North Carolina.

2. The author sees no reason why electric heating can't go into the "shell" type homes which are so popular in this area now. These are the homes that you finish out yourself—not as complete as Trauger's pre-cut home.

The owner should be sure he follows recommendations of his electric cooperative in providing a vapor barrier, insulation, and storm windows and doors.

ONE of the big factors in building homes today is the pre-fabricated or pre-cut home . . . a home that is partially built under factory conditions and then hauled to the owner's foundation and erected in a matter of hours.

Are such homes adaptable for electric heat? The answer is yes . . . if they are insulated adequately.

The owner of one such pre-cut and pre-built home is Sam Trauger of Route 4, Mandan, N. Dakota. A member of the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, his home is electrically heated.

Trauger built his home one day in 1958 . . . we say one day, because the builder started at 9 a.m. and finished at 6 a.m. All that was left after one day was to shingle the roof and do the painting.

Trauger says that his home is insulated with 3 inches of insulation in the walls and 8 inches in the ceiling. The house came with 4 inches in the ceiling and he added the other four simply by laying new batts over those which came with the house. This was the only thing he did extra to the house at all.

Trauger, who lives with his son and daughter in the home just west of Mandan, is well satisfied with electric heat.

As far as comfort goes, Trauger says that electric heat cannot be beaten. He is also satisfied with the cost.

One big advantage of electric heat is the room-by-room temperature control. Trauger says he likes it fairly cool, around 68 degrees.

"But I've got a daughter-in-law who likes it warmer and when she comes, it only takes a minute to warm the room."

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March Cover

Thanks for the nice cover on the March issue of *the Carolina Farmer*. I would like to have a print for framing.

Thanks, also, for a nice little magazine which, in my estimation, is worth much more than some of the expensive magazines which I subscribe to and don't read each month.

Wallace Ward
Fayetteville

I like the cover so much on your March issue. Is it possible that I could get a copy of this sketch, as I would like to have it framed?

Mrs. J. D. Nicholson
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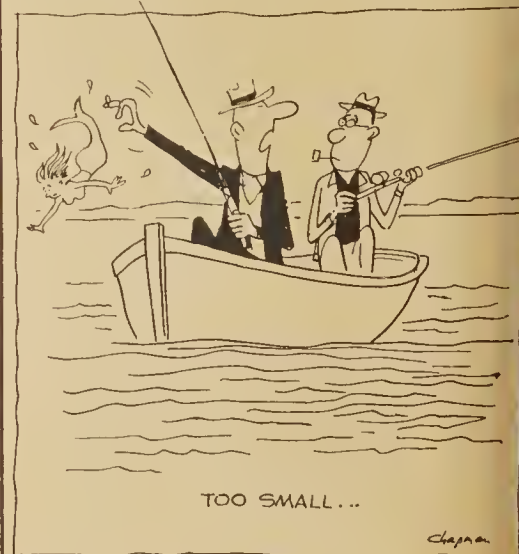
We're happy our March lamb was so popular, but sad that we are unable to supply interested readers with framing reproductions. The March cover was reproduced from art which consisted of acetate overlays. There is no color whatsoever on the original art. We did, however, send readers Ward and Nicholson clean, flat covers that could be trimmed for framing.

Mr. Cunningham vs. Mr. White

I would like permission to reprint J. H. Cunningham's article in the March issue, giving credit, of course, to *the Carolina Farmer*.

W. E. Rutledge, Publisher
The Yadkin Ripple
Yadkinville, N. C.

Permission gladly granted. There's been a lot of mail on Mr. Cunningham's March article, some from those who find scriptural objections to shorts and dancing, and some from those who don't. Mr. White earlier presented one side, Mr. Cunningham another. We think it's fair enough to quit at this point.



TOO SMALL...

Chapman

Scholarship Contest

Since I have used this as a project in my English department, I would like to know how my students rated after the judging is over.

Mrs. Green
Fremont City Schools
Fremont

Your contest affords a great opportunity for our students to write competitively, which helps our English work tremendously. Let me thank you for the wonderful work you are doing.

Tom Shutt
Waccamaw High School
Ash

Anti-Trust Violations

Someone has sent me a tear-sheet from your magazine, March issue, in which you refer to us in your column (The Front Porch).

I enjoyed the column very much and it occurs to me that you may be interested in an editorial we used on February 10 in connection with the anti-trust violations by the electric equipment companies. A copy is enclosed.

I agree with you that some of the worst enemies of the free enterprise system are those who so often talk so semantically in its favor, but do nothing to support it when the chips are down. The enemies of the system, however, are not limited to them.

Jesse Helms
Vice-President
WRAL-TV

If Jesse didn't present his program when we're eating supper and breakfast, we'd have known this, and it would have saved us the trouble of writing a column last month.

Five-String Banjo

In the Carolina Farmer last fall there was an article on the five-string banjo. I believe it ran in two issues.

I would like to have these issues, if possible. We enjoy the Carolina Farmer very much and think it's just about perfect—as all REA services are.

Mrs. D. B. Blalock
Kings Mountain, Rt. 2

Squash Pudding

Each month I look forward to receiving my copy of the Carolina Farmer. Nearly all the articles are interesting and enlightening. I have tried many of the recipes from the "Carolina Kitchens" column, however, so far I haven't gotten the courage to try Squash Pudding. Ggh!

Mary Avery on the September cover could even lighten the heart of Khrushchev.

Mrs. Frank Davis
Durham, Rt. 2

AROUND THE HOUSE by Archie Hathcock



□ A solution for the father who wants to impart his knowledge and skill to the Junior Mr. Fix-It is to devise jobs that the youngster can perform at his own "workbench" in another part of the basement or home, away from father's shop area.

It will help to keep him out of the way, and still not stunt his inclination toward working with his hands.

The jobs you choose for him will, of course, vary with the age of the boy (or girl). Here are a few useful suggestions:

1. Sorting a mixed pile of nuts, screws and bolts into their proper containers.
2. Making a mudscraper by nailing upturned bottle caps to a board.
3. Filling countersunk nail holes with plastic wood or wood dough.

While safety must always be your guide, don't underestimate a child's

ability to learn. Instruct him gradually at times when you are not forced to concentrate on your own work and can give full attention to the child.

Replacing An Oven Light

If the light bulb in your oven burns out, replace it with one marked "range oven." These special bulbs are made of heat-resistant glass and are fastened at the base with cement that can withstand the high temperatures. An ordinary bulb will come apart or shatter when subjected to oven heat.

Trimming A Washer To Size

Can't locate a washer the size you need to repair a dripping faucet? You can trim an oversize washer to the exact diameter you need by turning it onto a wood screw that's slightly larger than the hole, and chucking this in an electric drill. Spin the edge of the washer against sandpaper or file it down to size.

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Some farm bulk milk coolers can be as obsolete the day they are installed as your can cooler! Here are three, sure ways to tell an old-fashioned tank — so you won't get stuck with one:

- (1) An old-fashioned tank, usually rectangular-shaped, requires water and ice to meet the cooling code, practically doubling your cooling expense.
- (2) When cleaning equipment is installed and used in an old-fashioned tank — the large, loose, awkward lids leak water all over your floor; and the corners are practically impossible to clean properly.
- (3) When you go pipeline with an old-fashioned tank — you have to shell out a lot of cash for an expensive, hard-to-clean releaser or pump.



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The View From Birdland

By RALPH MILLS

□ The land looks different from up there, a thousand feet above North Carolina soil. The earth seems to be rotating slowly beneath your vantage point. Actually, the small plane in which you are flying would be greatly exceeding the speed limit of highway traffic below.

At first you notice the farmland—the rectangular fields, the irregular wooded areas. From this height, corn and tobacco are only textures on the earth's surface. The tobacco, with every fifth row a skip, has a surface like corduroy.

Gradually, details begin to take form. A light square shape moving slowly through a field suddenly lights a spark of recognition. It is a tobacco harvester! And that group of long, narrow buildings—they're poultry houses. There, along a railroad siding, pulpwood is stacked, awaiting shipment.

The plane follows one of our highways, which truly resembles a huge artery with a network of smaller arteries splitting off to each side. The traffic has a toylike look—it's hard to realize that full size human beings are guiding those miniature cars and trucks.

At intervals along the highway, populated areas appear, and as you glide over one of these villages, you notice how the farms almost blend into town.

Among the rows of homes, the church spires stand out as sentinels.


The pattern and texture of the earth below is a fascinating ever-changing panorama.

To see the world from such a vantage point, was for centuries a privilege reserved only for the birds. Today, almost every community has a small landing field, where you may arrange for a flight. The "Airman's Guide" lists eighty-nine recognized landing fields in North Carolina. There are, no doubt, many more private fields, landing strips, or converted cow pastures not listed in the guide.

The view from birdland is one of detachment. There you see not just a specific farm, but the whole pattern of farming. You see not a single town, but all towns.

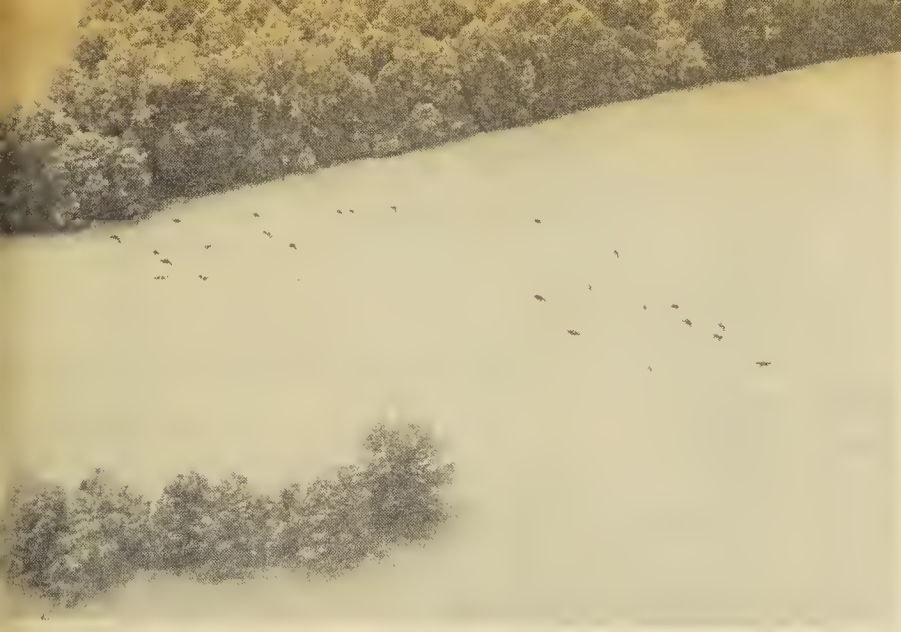
The things you see gradually resolve themselves into a big picture. A picture of tobacco as king, but with poultry and livestock making strong bids. A picture of mechanization, good farming, improved roads, modern schools, and attractive communities. Not a perfect picture, by any means, but on the whole a picture of progress, and good living, with a promise of even better things to come.

From the air, town and country seem to merge, giving emphasis to their dependence upon one another. The town serves the farmer as both buyers' and sellers' market. The country is the lifeblood of the town, supplying vital necessities for manufacture and trade.



The Cape Fear winds its way through heavily forested land, in its journey to the Atlantic. Paddlewheelers once made the trip up stream to Fayetteville. Today, only an occasional pulpwood barge or pleasure boat rounds her bends.





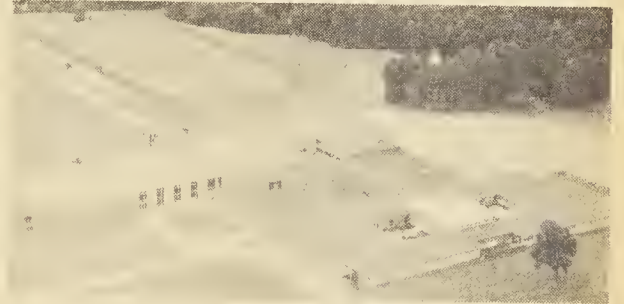
A fifty-plus dairy herd, grazing on a terraced hill, looks for all the world like a miniature exhibit at the state fair. Improved pastures have led to increased livestock farming in a traditional row crop state.



Poultry houses exemplify the spectacular growth of an industry in North Carolina. Contributing to this growth has been the development of electrical feeding and watering devices, which have removed most of the drudgery from poultry production.



Mirroring the sky, this farm pond is typical of the thousands that have been scooped out of Tarheel sod in the last few years. The farm pond conserves water for stock and irrigation purposes, but also provides recreation and food for the farm family.



Modern schools punctuate a pattern of progress in North Carolina.

Tobacco is corduroy, from an altitude of one thousand feet. The light square at upper left is a tobacco harvester. Fifth row skip accentuates the decline of faithful mule, the rising eminence of the mechanical tractor.



The Debate is Over



A week after being sworn in, Norman M. Clapp came to Raleigh to make his first speech as REA Administrator. He is second from left. He was welcomed by (l-r) Bill Shertzer, REA fieldman stationed in Raleigh; Rep. A. T. Lane of Hertford, president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association; and Alton P. Wall of Asheboro, president of N. C. Electric Membership Corporation.

In a major policy speech, the new REA Administrator told Tarheel co-ops:

1. REA will give top priority to power supply problems.
2. REA will encourage generation and transmission facilities where needed.
3. REA will fight to help co-ops protect their territories.
4. The Administration will oppose any effort to change the present 2% interest rate.

"I've heard five of the seven, and I like what he had to say the best."

That was the comment of Carter Osborne, a Haywood EMC director, after Norman Clapp had completed his first speech as the nation's new REA boss.

Judging from the applause, most of the 200 rural electric leaders in the audience concurred with Osborne.

The seventh REA Administrator made his first official sally among the co-operatives on March 15, at a banquet meeting of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, held in Raleigh.

It took a bit of daring to select Raleigh for the start of his association with the rural electric organizations.

North Carolina had backed a popular favorite son for the REA post, and without a doubt there would be some silent measuring going on.

And the podium in the ballroom of the Hotel Sir Walter had not always been a comfortable spot for REA Administrators.

The last one who ended a speech there stepped from the stand and received a resolution of censure. When Dave Hamil appeared at a regional meeting of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Raleigh in 1959, the delegates passed a resolution condemning his lobbying to get REA interest rates raised.

Clapp assured the cooperatives that "the debate is over" on 2% interest. "The so-called two-percent controversy, which sapped so much of the program's vitality in recent years, will not be an issue under this administration."

Pledging the administration to a policy of complete area coverage, Clapp said he

would seek loan funds "adequate to meet the total needs of rural systems.

"We do not regard REA loans as an expense, but as an investment that is repaid with interest."

Noting that in North Carolina, power requirements will increase 2½ times in the next 10 years, he said that REA would give top priority to power supply problems.

"We will encourage additional REA-financed generation and transmission facilities where needed."

Under the previous administration, the cooperatives had difficulty in getting loan approval for generation and transmission loans; and Hamil's authority to make loans of G. and T. size was removed by Sec. of Agriculture Benson.

Clapp said that this Administration
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KEEPING UP with rural electrification

By Walter Fuller, executive manager, Tarheel Electric Membership Association



Nantahala Power and Light Company has petitioned the Utilities Commission for a rate increase, and Haywood EMC and N. C. Electric Membership Corporation have intervened in the case.

N. C. EMC (which represents our 32 cooperatives in power bargaining matters) and Haywood, a cooperative serving in Western North Carolina, have asked that the rate increase be denied and that present rates be reduced.

Haywood pays one of the highest wholesale rates in the state to Nantahala—an average of 11 mills per kwh. The company's proposal could increase this from 30 to 40 per cent.



There's a bill before the General Assembly which merits the support of the consuming public.

Introduced by Sen. J. W. Hoyle of Lee County, Senate Bill No. 85 would revise the method of determining the rate base of utilities which are regulated by the N. C. Utilities Commission.

The Commission has the job of fixing rates which will allow utilities a reasonable return on their investment. At present, the companies ask that the Commission set the rate base on the "fair value" of the utility plant or property.

The Commission is under no compulsion to accept the "fair value" method of fixing the base, but it can. Usually, it arrives at a figure which is more than actual investment but less than what it would cost to replace the property. When the base is determined, the Commission generally allows the utility rates which give it a 6% profit on investment.

Senator Hoyle's bill would make it compulsory that the Commission calculate the base on actual cost (considering depreciation and obsolescence) rather than on "fair value."

Under fair value determination, the company estimates what it would cost to replace utility plant under present conditions, and asks for a profit on that.

Such a determination inflates the investment and permits commercial power companies and other profit utilities to charge rates that return it much more than 6% of actual cost.

Utilities Commissioner Tom Eller, Jr., in a speech last month, called "fair value" determination of utility plant "a pure fiction."

Eller also criticized the position of the power companies on their approach toward "liberalized depreciation" for tax purposes.

As reported here before, N. C. Electric Membership Corporation and the N. C. attorney general last winter presented testimony at a lengthy, expensive Utilities Commission hearing on liberalized depreciation.

It is our position that utilities should be forced to accept a tax-saving allowed by the Internal Revenue Service, and that this saving should flow through to the ratepayers.

The hearing was completed in January but the Commission has announced no decision.

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KEEPING UP

with rural electrification

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Eller commented that "it seems that utility management is inclined to take the view that since it can receive no benefit by taking accelerated depreciation, and since the ratepayer is to bear the expense anyway, there is no reason to go to the extra difficulty, time, and trouble in claiming it."

Area redevelopment legislation, discussed in *the Carolina Farmer* last month, has passed the Senate by 63 to 27. Both Senator Jordan and Senator Ervin voted for the bill.

The legislation is supported by rural electric cooperatives, and much of the job of organizing the rural part of the program is expected to be assigned to REA.

The bill has been reported out of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

While area redevelopment will be under the authority of the Department of Commerce, the Administration has made known its intention to transfer the rural phases of the program to the Department of Agriculture.

The Senate bill earmarked \$100 million for use in rural areas.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which helped formulate the rural redevelopment idea, has announced that rural electric leaders from across the nation will gather in Washington May 14-15 for a Rural Areas Development Conference.

President Kennedy has asked Congress to increase the proposed 1962 budget for the Rural Electrification Administration and the Department of Interior.

He requested a \$100 million *increase* in REA loan funds, to be split evenly between rural electric and telephone borrowers.

The \$50 million for electric funds would raise available loan funds to \$225 million for the fiscal year of '62, which begins this July 1. About \$30 million is carry-over from the current year.

Under the last Administration's budget, the electric program would have been left with only \$175 million in available loan funds.

Delegates to NRECA's annual meeting in Dallas urged an increase that would bring the total available to \$310 million, to be revised subject to NRECA's annual survey of loan needs.

The survey is being tabulated at this time.

President Kennedy's budget does not provide for \$60 million in contingency funds, which NRECA requested.



At press time, word came that the House had passed the President's area redevelopment legislation by a large margin—250 to 167.

Only three North Carolina congressmen voted against the bill. They were Reps. Alton Lennon, A. Paul Kitchin, and Charles R. Jonas, Lincoln. Rep. Ralph Scott of Danbury did not vote.

Those voting for the bill were Reps. Hugh Alexander, Herbert Bonner, Harold Cooley, David Henderson, Horace Kornegay, Basil Whitener, Roy Taylor, and L. H. Fountain.



Fred Stem, (left) member of Wake Electric Membership Corporation, and L. K. Stephenson, electrification advisor for the cooperative, in the modern milkroom of Stem's dairy.



Dave Ashworth, milk company employee, takes sample for analysis from Stem's bulk cooler. Plenty of hot water has helped reduce bacteria count by 92 per cent.

Always in HOT water

By ARCHIE HATHCOCK

□ Milking parlor and milkroom cleanliness is the watchword in the production of milk that will sell at the highest possible price. Because of this, a liberal use of hot water is as necessary to the dairyman as it is to the housewife doing the family wash.

Attention to cleanliness has helped Fred Stem of Oxford, Route 2, reduce his bacteria counts by 92 per cent. By having plenty of hot water available at all times and using other modern electric equipment, he is one of the better producers of Grade A milk in his area. Stem's dairy farm is relatively small—100 acres. He has two other farms, though, totalling 236 acres on which to raise the necessary feed and grain for his twenty-eight-cow dairy herd. His son, Earnest, who is still in high school, and a tenant who lives nearby, help to carry on the operation. Plans are to increase the size of the herd to at least 35 this fall.

The milking operation on the Stem dairy begins around 5:30, morning and afternoon. By 7:30 it is finished. Twenty-eight cows have been milked, the milk

is in the cooler, equipment has been washed several times, and things are put in order for the next milking. Just as soon as the last cow has been milked and released from the milking parlor, the cleanup of milkers and pipeline systems begins. And here's where an ample supply of hot water means a good deal more than convenience—it's an absolute necessity.

Stem is fast forgetting the unpleasantities and the downright inconvenience of heating water with flame-type fuels. The noiseless, clean, fume-free operation of his electric water heater allows it to be placed in the milkroom where most of the hot water is used. Consequently, very little heat is lost. When a faucet is turned on the water runs hot quickly.

This 42-gallon water heater is sufficient for Stem's operation. The actual size necessary depends to a great extent on the wattage of the units in the heater and the extent to which hot water is used.

The higher the wattage, the quicker the incoming cold water will be heated to the temperature that the thermostat is set for.

Generally around one gallon capacity per cow seems to be the right size for dairy operations. Regardless of the size of the herd, a dairyman probably should

not install a water heater of less than 30-gallon capacity.

Locating the water heater nearest the place where most of it is used helps to decrease costs of operation, too.

Quality is important to Stem. And to some extent high quality is a result of cleanliness. To have a sanitary milkroom he says he needs plenty of hot water which his electric water heater provides.

"Before I got this bulk tank and water heater," says Stem "it wasn't uncommon for the bacteria counts to run as high as 60,000 to 70,000. Now the counts run around 3,000 to 5,000."

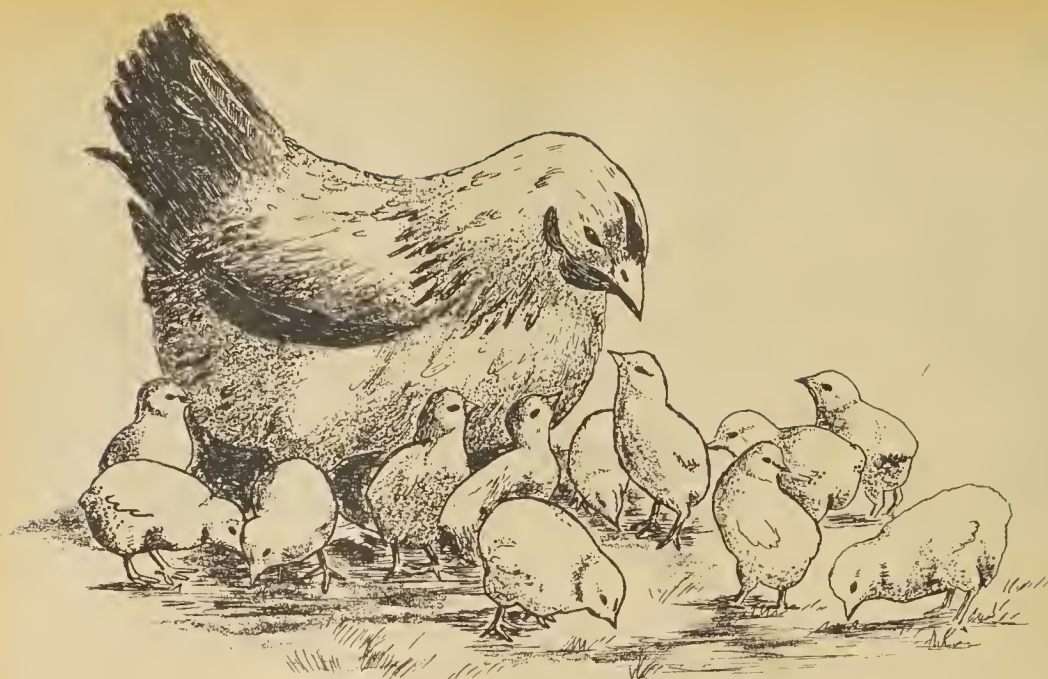
Constant checks are made on the individual producer just as checks are made on the contents of the tank truck when it goes into the processing plant.

"Production is off some right now (Feb.)—only about 850 pounds. This spring though we will be milking around 1,000 pounds per day," says Stem. Thanks to the pipeline system and the bulk tank, not a pound of it is lifted or carried.

The modern equipment used in dairying today is a far cry from equipment used only 25 years ago. Then, if a can of milk could not be sold because of a high bacteria count, the loss was comparatively small. Today, without modern equipment and sanitary practices, a loss could run into the hundreds of gallons.

Back-Yard Brooding

By LENNIS ISAACS



□ Have you noticed, of late years, how scarce are the old slatted chicken coops that used to be strewn over almost every farmyard? And come to think of it, how often do you see a mother hen clucking to her baby chicks, scurrying

about to find worms and bugs for her brood?

Not very often, I'll wager. And the reason? We all know it is because we can buy baby chicks now from hatcheries, which has proven much more satis-

factory and economical. We can buy them at a time that enables us to have a flock of layers when we welcome them most. It does away with all the fuss and bother of caring for setting hens, and the risk of having something go wrong in the last few days of brooding.

I can well recall the day when every farmwife looked forward to the warm balmy days of spring when out of her flock of layers two or three hens would

(Several folk songs that are familiar to North Carolinians bear a strong resemblance to the Irish legend set forth here.)

MORE than 10 million people in the U.S.A. boast of "a drop of Irish" in them.

Many old Irish surnames are prominent in the U.S.A., although some are

graphical too. Down to the present day there are districts in Ireland peculiar to a certain surname, to which all families of the name can be traced. If you should ever come to Ireland, you may come upon an ancient castle from which your ancestral tree took root. Every castle has its story, and every lake its legend.

Lough Key, a lovely lake in the County Roscommon, is linked with the memory

of an island stands what was once the magnificent castle home of the MacDermot clan.

MacCostelloe and MacDermot were names which figured largely in Irish history. Both were renowned for their bravery, courage and generosity.

In the 14th century the MacDermot was the more important clan, holding sway over that part of County Roscommon skirting and embracing Lough Key.

They maintained their strong position by force of arms. Although they had a reputation for lordly hospitality and lavish feasting within their castle, they exacted heavy levies from their under-tenants, which effectively reduced the fortunes of these lesser families.

The MacCostelloes in particular had been taxed heavily, as the Record of Taxes of the MacDermots at the time shows. At one time alone it amounted to "1200 cows and 10 saddle horses to be paid by the MacCostelloes to the ruling clans of the MacDermot." For a long time considerable enmity existed between the two clans. The MacDermot had a strong fortress, riches and power

A 14th Century Tragedy

By ITA HARNETT (*an Irish girl*)

now scarcely recognizable in their Americanized form and spelling.

In most cases the prefix O or Mac, which has a very real meaning in Irish, is dropped altogether.

There is a great deal of history attached to names, and a great deal of geo-

graphy too. Down to the present day there are districts in Ireland peculiar to a certain surname, to which all families of the name can be traced. If you should ever come to Ireland, you may come upon an ancient castle from which your ancestral tree took root. Every castle has its story, and every lake its legend.

Lough Key, a lovely lake in the County Roscommon, is linked with the memory

of a romance as true as it is poignant. Anyone tracing an Irish link with the MacDermot or MacCostelloe clans will be interested in the tragic love-story with which it is connected.

The island-studded stretch of water is exquisitely panoramic. On one small

"go to setting", meaning of course that they were now ready to sit on 15 nicely formed round eggs until they hatched, which was three weeks.

The setting eggs were always carefully inspected by the farmwife for flaws. Every two or three days the mother hen had to be attended to, watered, fed and let out of her nest for a bit of exercise and grit.

She mustn't stay off too long, or the eggs would chill. Many's the time there ensued a foot race to corner and hem the little wench on whom depended your next season's layers and broilers.

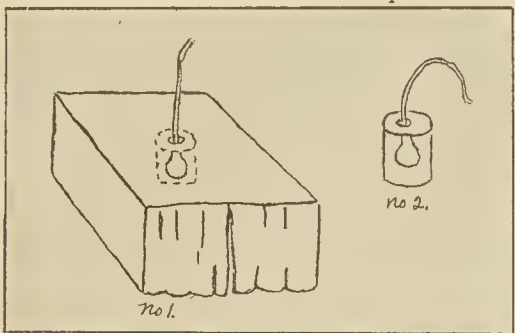
If one was really lucky and mother hen was faithful, a good yield from one setting would be from 10 to 12 chicks. When summer was ending and you counted your young flock you were doing quite well if they numbered 25 in all. There had been so many pitfalls to reckon with.

First thing, there were never two litters the same age, so you always had the problem of the very young and the older. Each mother hen with her brood was

placed under the little slatted chicken coops to stay until her chicks were three or four weeks old.

The baby chicks soon learned to leave mother hen and wander out away from the coop. So there was always the sly eyes of Bluetail Hawk and old Tom, the house cat.

Then after mother hen had been released from the coop there was always the rains. Somehow she never quite man-



FAMILY-FLOCK BROODER. No. 1.—A heavy cardboard or wooden box with an end knocked out and curtains hung so that chicks can pass in and out. Cut hole in center for light cord to pass through. No. 2—A 200-watt bulb placed in a tin can which has hole for cord in one end and other end completely removed.

aged to make the barn-shed or coop, and time after time her baby chicks, more drowned than alive, were picked up in a basket and carried to the farmhouse to be layed out in a row by a fire to warm back to life.

The first topic of conversation among neighboring housewives was, "How many baby chicks have you got?" or "How many hens have you setting?"

That was the time when a tiny flock of chickens, along with a small flock of turkeys, provided the only cash income of tenant farmers in the mountainous part of our country and it was taken quite seriously.

Many farmers now derive their living from the poultry business, and some farmers find it better to keep no flock at all.

Those who wish to keep a small flock of layers to furnish their own eggs might consider starting their chicks in a corner of some out-building that is wired for electricity.

A small brooder can be rigged according to the drawings here.

and they lorded it over the less powerful tribe of the MacCostelloes.

Despite the fact that they were avowed enemies, the heir of the MacCostelloes

fell in love with Una, the beautiful daughter of the House of MacDermot.

Una returned his love, and the young man braving all circumstances, presented himself at the MacDermot fortress to ask her hand in marriage.

Enraged at the young man's audacity and presumption, the MacDermot thrice angrily refused his suit.

The young suitor declared that he would return with an army to take his love by force. MacDermot defied him to carry out his intention, and imprisoned Una in her room under a strict guard.

The MacCostelloes rallied to the side of their chief and immediately launched their attack on the rock fortress. For some time they battled furiously, but the conflict came to an end with the sudden death of Una.

In the close confines of her room she had expired of grief and anxiety.

Her heartbroken parent withdrew, and having mourned his daughter, had her body interred in the lovely little Trinity Island of Lough Key.

His harshness and pride would not allow him to relent, and her young lover was forbidden to attend her burial.

Desperate in his grief, the faithful lover would swim across the lake each night to weep at the grave of his beloved Una. At last, worn out with cold and exposure, he succumbed to sorrow.

His last request was that he might be buried by the side of the maiden he loved. This request was granted by the father, and from the graves of the lovers sprang two trees, whose branches intermingled overhead in a leafy true-lovers' knot.

The brief and hapless love affair brought to an end the hostility and bitterness that existed between two of the best loved of Ireland's noble families.

Lough Key's wooded shores and lovely islands forever recall their memory, and the magnificent island castle of the MacDermot tells of the splendour that once was theirs.



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Ellis Accuses Profit Cos. of Speculating With REA Loan Funds

□ Rural electric cooperatives have a practical reason for supporting rural telephones.

Reliable electric service is dependent upon rapid communication, Clyde T. Ellis pointed out to directors of telephone cooperatives at a meeting in Chapel Hill, March 3.

Ellis, who heads the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said the rural electrics backed cooperative telephone organizations because they determined that commercial companies could not serve the rural areas profitably.

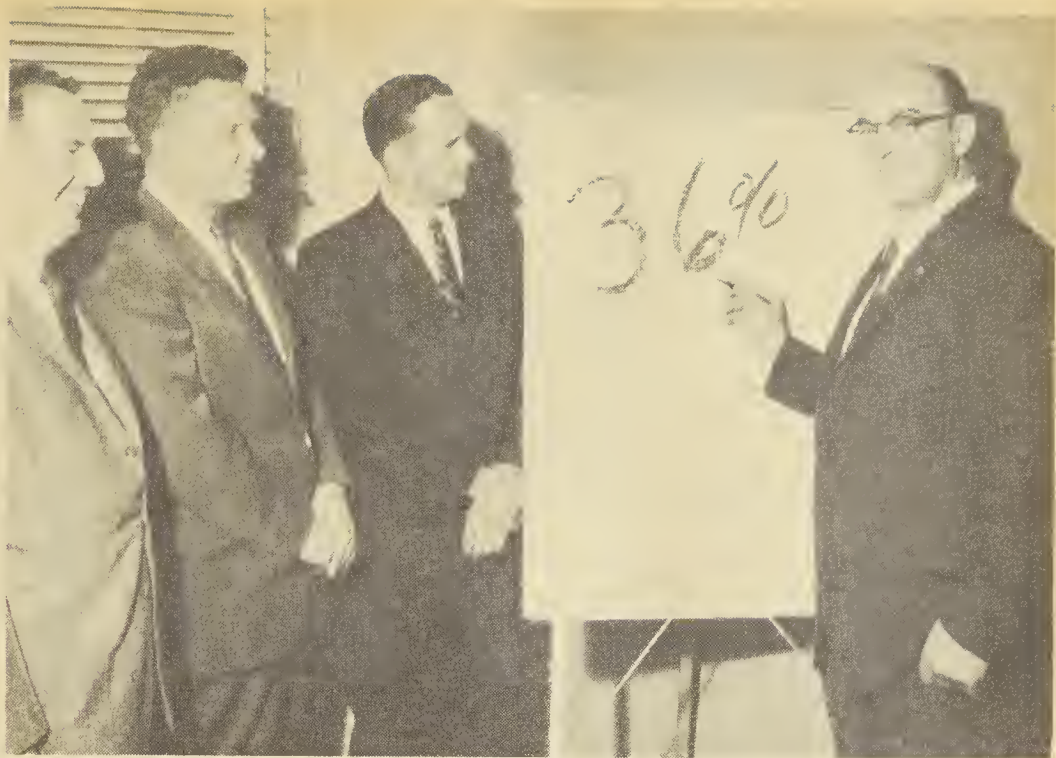
Calling North Carolina one of the best-served rural areas in the nation, Ellis said the rest of the country wasn't faring so well.

Partly to blame is an REA policy of the past few years which has poured most of the telephone loan money into commercial companies, Ellis said.

In the past 3½ fiscal years, there have been 178 new profit telephone company borrowers and only 16 new Co-op borrowers, he reported.

"Far too much of this money is used to modernize commercial systems and enrich speculators."

He referred to a practice of some small telephone companies of using REA loans



Clyde Ellis, right, general manager of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, points to a significant figure for Tar Heels. That's the percentage of rural homes in the state with telephone service. Ellis spoke to telephone cooperative directors March 3, in Chapel Hill. Others are (l-r) E. C. Weitzell, deputy assistant administrator of REA; J. H. McGuire, West Jefferson, president of Carolina-Virginia Telephone Membership Association; and R. M. Holland, Roseboro, executive secretary of the group.

to increase the value of their systems prior to sale.

Ellis said the profit companies didn't welcome competition from the cooperatives, and tried to get their hands on the 2% money and block the cooperatives out.

"They didn't get away with it in the electric program to the extent that they

have in the telephone program."

In many areas around the nation, there are unserved pockets which will be hard to serve, Ellis said.

The remaining pockets are so small that it will be difficult to form cooperatives and prove feasibility for obtaining an REA loan.

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NATURE....



Through a Child's Eyes

The Carolina Homemaker

Edited By Rebekah Rivers

□ Nature as seen through a child's eyes is a world of wonder and fascination . . .

a world of fresh and undreamed-of surprises. Through the unclouded lenses of the eyes of children, the most commonplace events of nature are sharply focused on impressionable and receptive minds.

A seed traveling on the wind on a silken parachute . . . a spider web glistening with droplets of dew . . . the chirping chorus of crickets in the autumn dusk. These are wonders of nature that capture a youngster's imagination and spark his curiosity.

Where did the seed come from? How did the spider build its web? How do crickets sing? Finding the answers to questions like these helps a child develop an awareness of the complexity and beauty of his world—helps broaden his understanding of the essential value of all living things and of the landscape upon which both he and they depend for life.

But keen though the questing eyes of children may be, their powers of observation alone cannot provide sound answers to the tantalizing questions about nature that arises in their minds. Answers to these very questions have come to mankind slowly. It has taken literally centuries of painstaking observation by a host of naturalists and careful research by many scientists. Even today, bits of knowledge are steadily being added to gradually clarify some of nature's still existing mysteries.

How, then, can the natural curiosity of a child concerning the world about him best be satisfied and nurtured? How can his eager search for answers, his enthusiastic probing of nature's secrets be encouraged?

Some 50 years ago, a pioneer project in nature education was begun, in order to help children learn about the world of nature. The Audubon Junior Club program was started by the National Audubon Society. Its method: to provide parents and teachers with guidance in giving their children first-hand experience in exploring nature. In this way, children could not only be given expert assistance in interpreting what they saw but also they could be shown how to observe more widely and accurately.

It was the conviction of the Audubon Society that if America's precious na-

tural resources were to be conserved and wisely managed, the nation's children would have to develop, early in life, an appreciation of their importance. The Society wisely decided that the best starting point was the child's own budding awareness of his surroundings. Each year the Junior Club Program is designed to instill in children a love and respect for all of nature. The concepts of good conservation can be readily understood at a later date by a child who is concerned about the world of nature, of which he is a part.

To date, the lives of some 11,000,000 children have been enriched through Audubon Junior Clubs. Some of America's top-flight naturalists and conservationists were inspired to their life work by Junior Club activities in their formative years.

How does the Audubon Junior Club program work? To begin with, most of the clubs are formed in school classrooms. Club projects are carefully planned to fit in smoothly with the classroom work of the elementary grades. Teachers are enthusiastic about the added value of the material in elementary science, social studies, creative arts, and even arithmetic. Many clubs have been formed in groups like the Cub Scouts or Brownies. Parents have occasionally organized a club themselves, but more frequently they help organize them within an existing group of children. Ten or more children, plus a leader, are required to form a club. Each child pays a nominal fee of 25 cents, which gives him a real sense of belonging to the group and which also helps defray part of the costs of the material.

The leader receives free a guide that describes a number of basic projects for the club's use, such as making a terrarium or an aquarium. It also contains an invaluable list of reference books and guides on conducting the club program.

The key to the year's activities, however, is found in a set of Project Sheets, sent to the club leader at regular intervals. During the coming year, five Project Sheets will be issued on Trees, Birds, Insects, Flowers and Mammals. These sheets give basic information on each subject and list many fascinating activities for the club to enjoy.

Each child receives a Junior Club Scrapbook, divided into sections, that correspond to the subjects covered by the leader's Project Sheet. The scrapbooks are profusely illustrated with colored pictures of birds, animals and plants.





Carolina Kitchens

Recipes From Co-op Homemakers

MRS. K. A. WALTERS, Thurmond, tried the Yellow Cake recipe in our February issue, found it good, and thought it only fair that she, too, share her favorite cake recipe.

Of her Buttermilk Pound Cake, she writes, "I believe this is the best cake I have ever made. I have given the recipe to many people in many states. All of them praise the results very highly."

The Walters have five children, all married. One daughter lives near the family farm (which is served by the Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation), and another daughter lives in Pennsylvania. They have three sons, two with the U. S. Air Force and the other with a North Carolina telephone company.

If you'd like to share a special recipe through this column, send it to: *the Carolina Farmer*, Homemaking Section, Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. If you have a good snapshot of yourself, send it along. And include something about you and your family.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. K. A. Walters
Thurmond, N. C.

BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE

1 cup shortening	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
3 cups sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon soda
6 eggs	1 cup buttermilk
3 cups cake flour (sifted)	1 teaspoon lemon extract

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift together flour, salt and soda and add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk beginning and ending with flour mixture. Add lemon extract and blend well.

Pour into a greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for one hour and ten minutes or until cake tests done. Allow to stand in a pan a few minutes before turning out.



Confessions of a scavenger . . .

I have just completed (if, indeed, one ever completes such) the odious task of moving, and have faced the fact that the professional hoarders, the Hetty Greens and their sisters, were rank amateurs in the game of saving compared to me. 'Tis true, of course, that Hetty Green hoarded money along with her newspapers, while I in my scavenging was only able to boost my budget by the acquisition of the following:

1 quarter under the sofa pillow; 2 pennies in the soap dish (?); 15 pennies in the sewing basket (??); 27 bobby pins in seven seasons of pocket books; 29 buttons, books and eyes in closet corners, pockets, vases, ash trays, etc.; a veritable treasure trove of 100 French coins, which should, guessing generously, bring me about 50¢ on the current market; and 15 pretty, (and oh, so, useless) empty perfume bottles and cold cream jars.

I moved at least 100 magazines (well, maybe someday I'll get them read)—I really tried hard to throw some of them away and felt I'd won a true victory over myself when I finally discarded ten before moving. The stark folly of my hoarding really hit home when I found a magazine dated June, 1904! (I really haven't been around quite that long, but my grandmother was a hoarder, too.)

A pigeon-hole desk brought to light last year's Christmas cards (stamped, sealed, but undelivered), a fountain pen which had been the object of a monstrous search some six months ago, too many unpaid bills, two books of green stamps, 15 unanswered letters, and my 1958 tax return copy. (Yep, you've guessed it—since I never throw anything away, the cards, the pen, the bills, the green stamps, the unanswered letters and the 1958 tax return, have all been neatly replaced in the pigeon-hole desk.)

A search through my books as I unpacked them also proved quite fruitful. The pages of a college text book had hidden for years a long forgotten insurance policy. An old and very dear copy of Grimm's Fairy Tales held a pressed rose petal, which set my mind a-fancying—I don't remember putting it there, and, if I didn't, who did? Each volume I pulled from the boxes contained some long-lost and long-forgotten memento between its pages; and, being human as human can be and therefore a bit atuned to laziness, I forgot the unpacked kitchen utensils and dishes, the unwaxed floors, the unhung curtains and explored each of my books a bit too thoroughly . . . but then this could warrant another column.

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4508—Crisp, cool casual with curved yoke, flared skirt. Printed Pattern in Half Sizes 14½-24½. Size 16½ takes 3½ yards 35-inch fabric.

9098—Ample cut apron with plenty of "cover-up." Printed Pattern in Women's Sizes Small 36-38; Medium 40-42; Large 44-46. Ex. Large 48-50. Small takes 2 yards 35-inch fabric.

4979—Graceful sheath with capelet collar. Printed Pattern in Misses' Sizes 12-20; 40. Size 16 takes 3¼ yards 35-inch fabric.

471—Square neckline, pockets are trimmed with bias strips. This casual style is easy to sew. Printed Pattern in Half Sizes 14½-24½. Size 16½ takes 3¾ yards 35-inch fabric.

4892—Twin charmers—cool pinafore, puff-sleeved dress. Printed Pattern in Child's Sizes 2,4,6,8,10. Size 6 pinafore takes 2¾ yards 35-inch fabric.

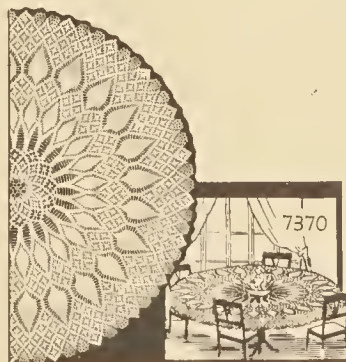


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Rural Roundtable

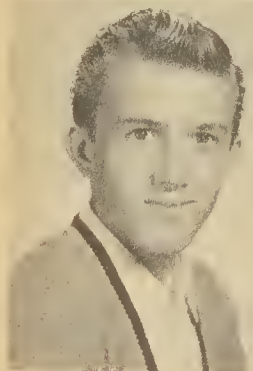
How can a shy person become popular in school?



DOROTHY LOU WARREN
Dunn, South River Electric

To be popular in school, a shy person must first decide for himself that he wants very much to become popular and well-liked by everyone. Self-confidence definitely has to come. After this, the world is his, because, as someone has put it, "where there is a will there is a way." To become popular takes a

period of time. The shy person can begin by trying to meet one new person a day and doing pleasant things for those you already know.



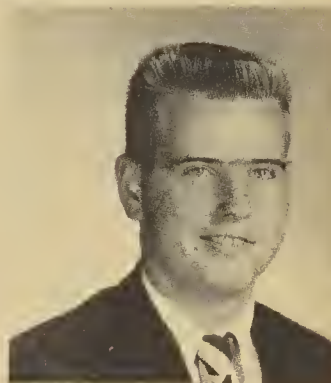
BILLY KISER
Bessemer City, Rutherford Electric

I think that the best way would be for the person to gradually enter into all school activities that time and talent will permit. She should try to be friendly to all of her classmates and to join in the things they like to do. If she will do this, I think she will have as good a chance as anyone else to be popular.



THERESA FOSTER
Mocksville, Davie Electric

If a shy person wants to become popular in school the best way is to overcome "being afraid to talk" and to gain self-confidence in herself. This can be done by joining various clubs of interest, taking part in classroom devotions, and being in chapel programs.



CHARLES F. WALSTON
Belcross, Albemarle Electric

There are many ways by which a shy person could become popular in school. One should try to get out with the other students and do the things they do instead of staying all alone to themselves. One should join social activities, and take part in school clubs and church youth activities. I think if

one would do this and mix socially with other people, then they will overcome their shyness.

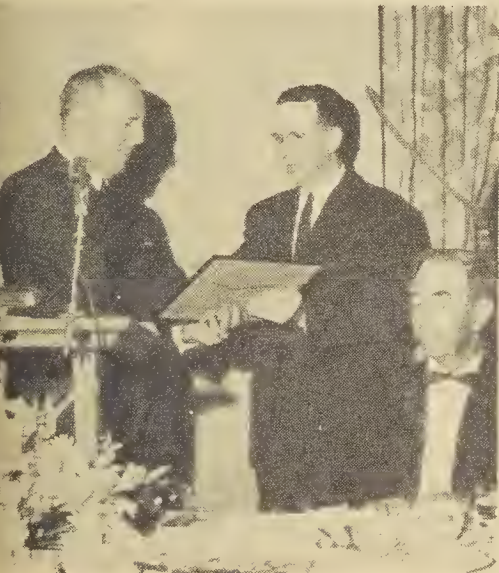
(Charles Walston joins our panel this month for the first time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walston, Sr. Charles is 17, and a junior at the Camden High School, where he is a member of the Monogram Club, the Future Farmers of America, and where he participates in varsity football and basketball.)

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION is asked by Mary Belle Duvall, Bakersville, Route 1. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Duvall, who are members of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

Mary Belle is in the eighth grade at the Bowman High School and is 14 years old. Her special interests include reading and writing. She also enjoys art. She says that her question is one often discussed by the teenagers in her school.

If you have a question you'd like discussed by the panel, send it to the Rural Roundtable, *the Carolina Farmer*, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. Include the following information: your name, school and grade, name of parents, address, name of electric membership corporation, and your special interests and talents. If your question is chosen for the panel to answer, we will send you \$5.

Tarheel Electric Membership Association gives three awards to the EMCs judged to have done the best job of public relations the previous year. Here are the winners for 1960, receiving bonds of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively, from Jim Reid, mayor pro-tem of Raleigh and a judge in the contest. The winning line-up is exactly as the previous year.



FIRST

Manager J. L. Shearon accepts for Wake EMC.



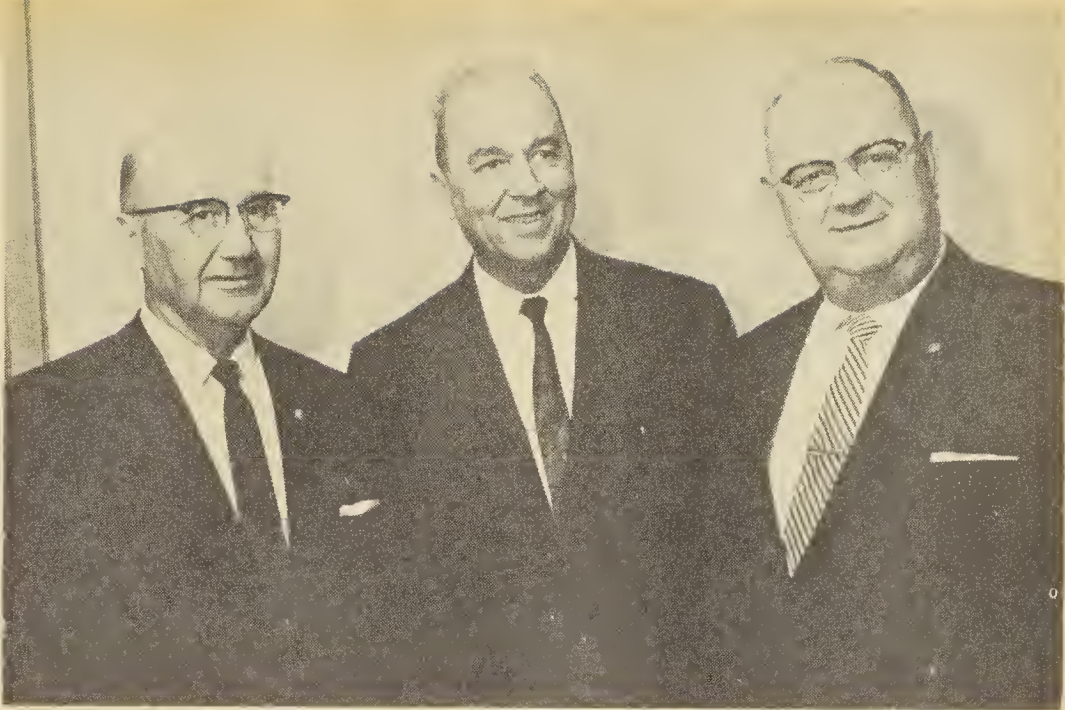
SECOND

Member Relations Director Herman Anderson accepts for Blue Ridge EMC.



THIRD

Manager Alton P. Wall accepts for Randolph EMC.



TARHEEL OFFICERS. Left to right are President A. T. Lane, Hertford; Vice President W. C. Carlton, Morehead City; and Secretary-Treasurer F. E. Joyner, Hillsboro. They were elected at the annual meeting of Tarheel Electric Membership Association last month in Raleigh.

— THE DEBATE IS OVER —

(Continued from page 10)

spoke with one voice, and that the President had issued a mandate to the Department of Agriculture “to restore REA to its former role of pre-eminence—freeing it from constant concern over political interference, higher rates of interest, and budgetary starvation.”

Of special interest to North Carolina was Clapp’s promise that “we are going to be in the fight to help cooperatives maintain their territorial integrity.”

“It is a matter both of equity and protection of REA’s investment in your cooperatives that they be allowed to continue to serve the areas they developed in good faith.”

He urged the cooperatives to take a lead in improving the standard of living in rural areas.

Referring to “area redevelopment” legislation, he urged the cooperatives to take the lead in improving the standard of living in rural areas.

“What a wonderful thing it will be if we can unleash the cooperative spirit that helped build the first lines and wire the homes back in the ’30s and ’40s.

“If we can bring that same drive and energy to bear on the problems we face today, we will solve them, too.”

Clapp spoke to one of the largest meetings of Tarheel Electric ever held.

More than 200 attended the banquet session. Many state legislators were in the audience.

During the two-day TEMA meeting, the association passed resolutions requesting Congress to vote electric loan funds of \$220 million and a contingency fund of \$60 million for fiscal ’62.

Other resolutions urged passage of Senator Douglas’s area redevelopment bill, and asked for expanded research in the use of electricity on the farm.

The state’s generation and transmission cooperative, N. C. Electric Membership Corporation, met the day following the Tarheel Meeting.

New officers of Tarheel are Rep. A. T. Lane, Hertford, president; W. C. Carlton, Morehead City, vice president; and F. E. Joyner, Hillsboro, secretary-treasurer.

Joyner was re-elected and Lane was elected to the post he assumed last fall upon the resignation of President Cutlar L. Ballance of St. Pauls. At the time, Lane was vice president.

Re-elected to N. C. Electric Membership Corporation were President Alton P. Wall, Asheboro; Vice President L. P. (Bill) Beverage; and Secretary-Treasurer G. L. Rucker, Tarboro.



POWER BARGAINERS. Re-elected to lead North Carolina's generation and transmission cooperative are, left to right, G. L. Rucker, Tarboro, secretary-treasurer; L. P. Beverage, Burgaw, vice president; and Alton P. Wall, Asheboro, president.

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Lawn Mower Safety

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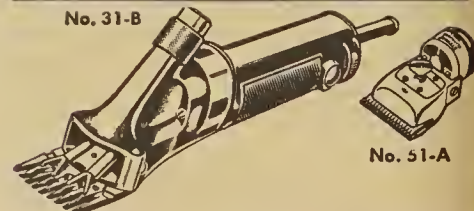
- (1) Read the instruction manual.
- (2) Keep your lawn mower clean. Inspect before using. Remove all weeds, rope or wire that may be tangled around blade.
- (3) Clean up your yard before mowing. Inspect your lawn. Pick up stones, sticks, wire and other debris in the area.
- (4) Keep other people, especially children, away from the vicinity of the mower while in use.
- (5) Don't adjust belts or remove trash from mower while it is running. Never raise a mower on its side while it is running.
- (6) Learn the controls, especially how to stop the mower, before using.
- (7) Do not refill while engine is hot.
- (8) Crank outdoors. Exhaust gases can be deadly.
- (9) When starting, stand firmly and make sure your feet are in a safe position.

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One visting day, the warden called him into his office. "John," he said kindly. "I notice you never have any callers. Don't you have a family—or friends?" "Oh, sure," replied John happily, "but they're all in here."

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First Visit

A little girl was taken to the seaside for the first time. When she came back home, she was surrounded by her friends wanting to know how she liked the ocean.

"It's just wonderful," she said. "And the beaches are so nice and clean because they keep flushing all the time!"

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Temper

The five-year-old was showing a small friend the new weight scale in the bathroom.

"What's it for?" the little vistor asked.

"I don't know," the five-year-old said. "All I know is, when you stand on it, it makes you very mad."

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HALE!

Wise Cracks

... When it comes to looking for a place to park, one has to do a lot of space exploring.

... The little voice inside us used to be conscience. Now it's a pocket radio.

... A good toastmaster is one who knows when to pop up and when to pop down.

... Moderns are people who meet a crisis face to face, after taking a pill.

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Diagnosis

A doctor was called in to see a very quick-tempered guy. "Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully.

"That, sir," snapped the patient, "is for you to find out."

"I see," said the doctor thoughtfully. "Well, if you'll excuse me for an hour or so, I'll go along and get a friend of mine—a veterinarian. He's the only fellow I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."

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Letter to the Editor

The editor of a small town newspaper was feeling quite proud about the fact that both circulation and advertising had increased. However, he was abruptly shaken by the following letter:

"Dear Sir: Please cancel our subscription. We have just bought a garbage disposal unit."

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Magic

There was once a hunter that got lost and was befriended by some Ute Indians. To impress the Indians he pulled out his cigarette lighter and said:

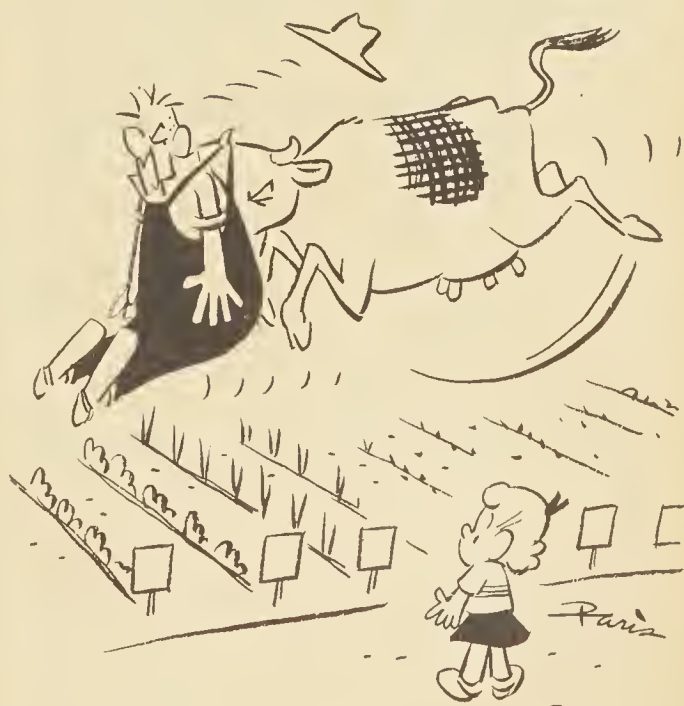
"Magic. Look, I make fire!"

"Big magic!" said one tribesman. "First time we ever saw one light on the first try."

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"I finally met our new neighbors today."



"I'm chasing the cow out of the garden. What does it look like I'm doing?"

LET'S PUSH FOR THIS ONE



No Five & Dime Idea

The intensive development of the resources of rural America—both natural and human—is one of the new frontiers which grip our imagination today . . . We have had enough of the five-and-dime ideas on this matter of developing rural America—from an address by Norman Clapp, REA Administrator, in Raleigh, March 15.

□ President Kennedy's new frontiers for agriculture will be explored from the hub of a "Rural Areas Redevelopment" program.

The new program, as we understand it at this stage, will make available loan funds and responsible organizational help

to rural areas which wish to organize to cast off the blight of chronic depression.

These elements are essential, for community enthusiasm is hard to sustain when the avenues of progress are blocked; many rural development plans have starved from lack of capital and know-how.

The pattern of the new program is very much like that which electrified rural America, and the electric cooperatives will be counted on for strong leadership.

The new Rural Areas Redevelopment plan is no cure-all, but it bolsters our spirit to know that somebody's seeking a better answer than the Soil Bank to our problems.

Tax Advantage?

□ The American Bar Association is a pretty staid outfit—not given to electing impractical dreamers to its presidency.

As co-op members, you'll be interested in the new bar president's opinion of co-operatives. Here it is reprinted from the *Rural Electric Minuteman*:

"Competition fuels the attacks on co-ops," said the president-elect of the American Bar Association in Kansas City this month.

John Satterfield of Yazoo City, Miss., said "In almost every instance, the actual reason motivating the attacker is the competition that cooperatives give his business." Co-ops' "so called advantage . . . excluding their refunds from their taxable income . . . is available to every businessman."

"Any business can enter into a contractual agreement with those it serves to return to them savings resulting from their patronage and free itself from income tax on those amounts," Satterfield said.

Power Costs

□ One of the glories of "private" power surely isn't its wholesale cost.

Last year, rural electric systems of the nation bought 49.8 per cent of their energy from public power agencies at a cost of under \$72 million.

They bought 39.2 per cent from commercial companies and paid \$85 million.

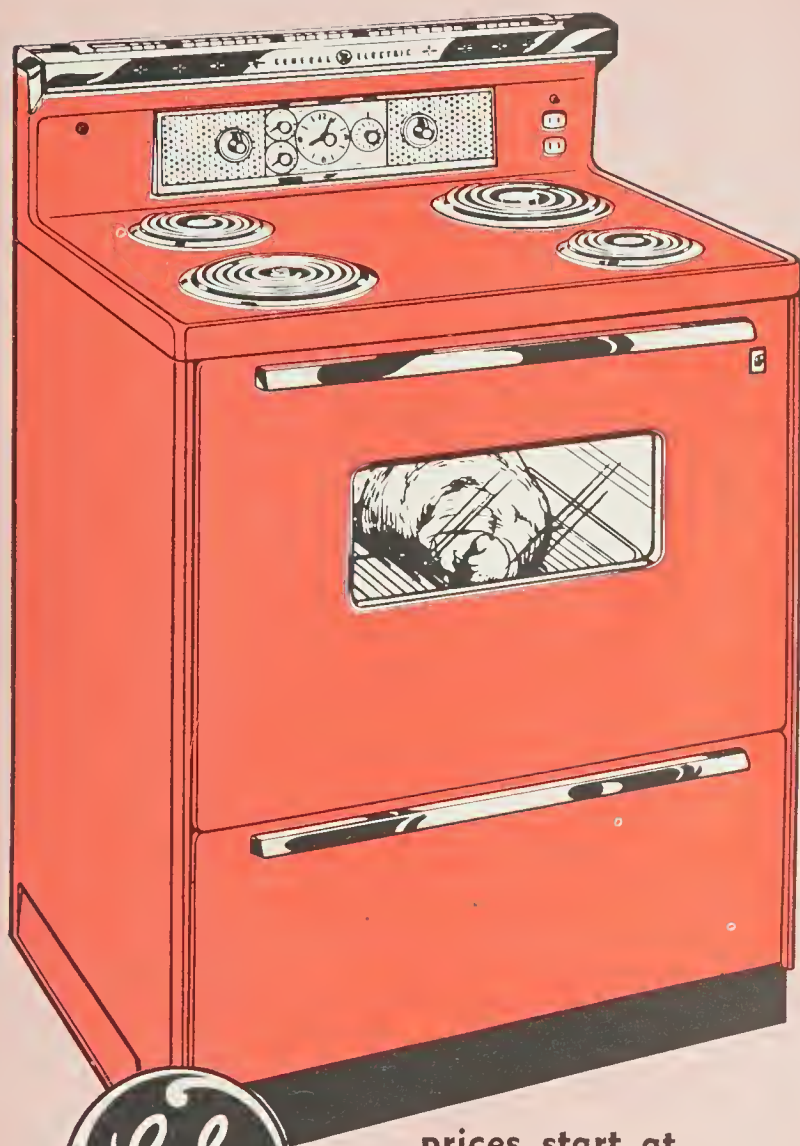
From the "privates" they got 10.8 billion kwh; from the public agencies, 13.6 billion.

Oh Pioneers!

□ In an editorial suggested for reuse by newspapers, E. Hofer's *News Revue* rewrites the history of rural electrification:

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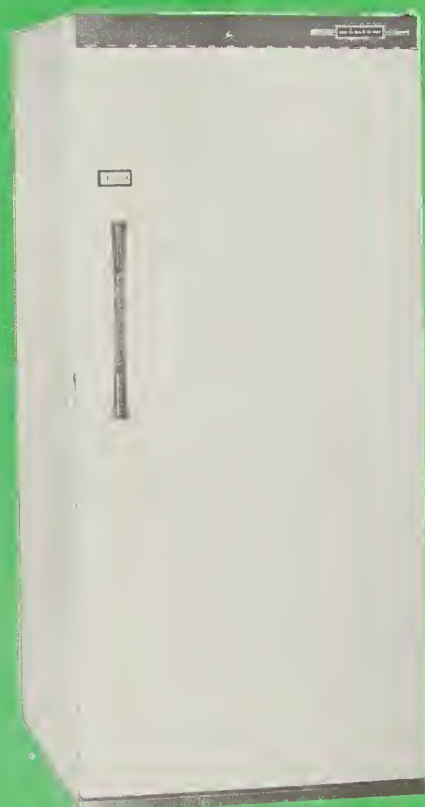


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